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Before the Education Committee on HB 6842*

***AN ACT CONCERNING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A LOCAL FOOD FOR SCHOOLS INCENTIVE
PROGRAM AND EXPANSION OF THE CT GROWN FOR CT KIDS GRANT PROGRAM***

Honorable Co-Chairs Senator McCrory and Representative Currey, Ranking Members Senator Berthel Representative McCarty, and distinguished members of the Education Committee; I thank you for your consideration today of HB 6842; AN ACT CONCERNING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A LOCAL FOOD FOR SCHOOLS INCENTIVE PROGRAM AND EXPANSION OF THE CT GROWN FOR CT KIDS GRANT PROGRAM.

With respect, I ask you to consider inserting HB6030 An Act Concerning The Nutritional Value Of School Lunches And Breakfasts, a proposed bill referred to this Committee, into HB 6842. HB 6030 requires the posting of nutritional value in the school cafeteria or other central places of consumption.

Our private food businesses presently post their nutritional content, our universities place the value in their cafeterias, and our LOB posts its information for us at our cafeteria. This information is already available to the vendors and is easy to provide to our food service people at very little or no cost. This simple 4-line proposal is a tool that can help educate our children in nutrition and help them make choices in their decisions on what to consume. I respectfully ask of the committee to consider adding this in the underlying bill.

Thank you for this opportunity to present testimony today on HB 6842.

Representative John Piscopo

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